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SUBJECT: WESTAM SCHEDULE

PASS OPIC FOR HENDERSON

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1. RECOMMEND INCLUSION OF SAPELE IN WESTAM ITINERARY FOR
7-8 PARTICIPANTS. FLEMING OFFER TO HOST GROUP GENEROUS &
TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED BY PARRELL. ENVISION NON-AGRICULTURE,
NON-TEXTILE GROUP AS PARTICIPANTS LED BY BATCHELDER.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SAPELE

FRIDAY MARCH 26

0800-DEPART LAGOS FOR BENIN CITY

0900-ARRIVE BENIN CITY

1030-ARRIVE LIFE FLOUR MILL, SAPELE FOR TOUR MILL & WEST
AFRICAS SHRIMPS

1230-LUNCH HOSTED BY FLEMINGS FOR MISSION PARTICIPANTS STATE
GOVT OFFICIALS & LOCAL BUSINESSMEN

1430-TOUR AT&P (AFRICAN TIMBER & PLYWOOD), SAPELE

1630-TOUR BY BOAT OF SAPELE PORT AREA INCLUDING VIEWING ATP
PORT FACILITIES, MOBIL INSTALLATION AT OGHARIFE, NE
FEDERAL SALT COMPANY, MISC SMALLER SAWMILLS

1730-COCKTAILS AT HOME OF ETHIOPE SAWMILL MANAGING DIRECTOR
GRYZCHIAK-ACCESSIBLE BY BOAT

1900-RETURN LODGING FOR REST & CLEAN UP

2000-SUPPER HOSTED BY FLEMINGS FOR MISSION PARTICIPANTS &

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OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSMEN

SATURDAY MARCH 27

0930 (APPROX)-DEPART SAPELE FOR LAGOS

3. GROUND TRANSPORTATION-FLEMING WILL ARRANGE THROUGH BENIN COMPEKY. BELIEVES WILL COST APPROXIMATELY \$100/DAY.

4. LODGING-GROUP CAN STAY IN AT&P GUEST LODGES. COST N15/DAY FOR DOUBLE ROOM.

5. AIR TRANSPORTATION-FLIGHT TO BENIN & RETURN APPROXIMATELY \$50. EMBASSY WILL BOOK GOING, FLEMING RETURN. NEED NAMES OF PARTICIPANTE SOONEST FOR CONFIRMATION ON PASSENGER LIST. IN LIGHT HEAVY INTRA-COUNTRY TRAVEL SINCE CURFEW LIFTED BLOCK SEAT RESERVATION INEFFECTIVE. FLEMING NEEDS NAMES BY THURS MARCH 11 IF POSSIBLE.

6. COMMENT-FLEMING OFFER TNSPONSOR, GUIDE, ENTERTAIN, & MAKE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR GROUP EXTREMELY GENEROUS. GOVERNMENT CONTACTS WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE COMMISSIONERS FOR TRADE & INDUSTRY, & FINANCE FOR BENDEL STATE. BUSINESS CONTACTS WILL INCLUDE NIGERIAN & EXPATRIATE BUSINESS MEN FROM SURROUNDING AREA. TOUR OF LIFE FLOUR & WEST AFRICAN SHRIMPS WILL BE EFFECTIVE PLUG FOR OPIC SERVICES AS WELL AS INTERESTING. AT&P TOUR EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL & USEFUL ACCORDING FLEMING. AT&P BILLED AS LARGEST SAWMILL/PLYWOOD COMPLEX IN WORLD. FLEMING EXTREMELY VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFO FOR MISSION MEMBERS. PLEASE CONFIRM SOONEST ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSED CHANGE IN MISSION ITINERARY.

7. ALSO DISCUSSED WEST AFRICAN SHRIMPS LOAN PROPOSAL WITH FLEMING & STRAIT. BOTH PLEASED WITH OPIC PARTICIPATION. PASS LUBLIN: FLEMING, PARRELL WILL DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH FLEMING LAWYER TUES. PARRLL HAS ALSO DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATION WITH TWO OTHER LAW FIRMS, ONE SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY OTHER BY OMONI, NBCI GEN COUNSEL. IN FORMER CASE BID SEEMED EXHORBITANT, IN LATTER, CONCERNED WITH LACK OF EXPERIENCE. HOPGIULLY DISCUSSION WITH FLEMING WYER WILL PR
CUCE ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. WILL RELAY DETAILS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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